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Legislative Counsel

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Mike Harrington has submitted a resolution of inquiry on the Mayaguez incident which the House International Relations Committee has referred to State for comment. State has been in touch with us and we have proposed the answers indicated on the attached sheet. They have been coordinated with Ted Shackley and Bill Nelson and we have given them to State with a comment that they have not been cleared with you. The answer to question 7 might cause Mike to raise a question as to what was reported to the Committee in which case [redacted] would indicate that that is a subject which would have to be discussed in executive session. [redacted] and Ted Shackley have the details on this if you should need anything further. If you approve, we will so advise State.

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(The above was dictated by Mr. Cary from the Hill.)

Question #6

What U.S. intelligence activities, if any, were conducted in or over or from off the shores of Cambodia subsequent to the Khmer Rouge take over in April 1975, and prior to the seizure of the Mayaguez? Were any such activities known to have been detected or terminated by Cambodia?

Answer to Question #6

The Mayaguez was not a "spy ship." It was not engaged in intelligence activities. The U.S. is continually gathering intelligence on a world-wide basis. However, the thrust of question #6 appears to be concerned with whether U.S. intelligence activities might have been a provocation for the action taken by a Cambodian vessel in seizing the Mayaguez. No such activities were conducted in or on or from off the shores of Cambodia within the time period specified.

Question #7

What covert actions, if any, were undertaken by the U.S., either directly or indirectly, to disrupt, destabilize, or otherwise interfere in the internal affairs of Cambodia subsequent to Khmer Rouge take over in April 1975, and prior to the seizure of the Mayaguez? Were any such activities known to have been detected or terminated by Cambodia? If so, and if known, in what manner were they detected or terminated.

Answer to Question #7

We know of no such activity. We understand, further, that if any covert action had been undertaken, it would have been reported to the Committee in conformance with section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 as amended.